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1. At the 88th plenary meeting of its fifty-first session, on 17 December 1996, the General Assembly adopted resolution 51/208, entitled "Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions".[1]

2. In paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

> "1. Underlines the importance of consultations under Article 50 of the Charter of the United Nations, as early as possible, with third States which are or may be confronted with special economic problems arising from the carrying out of preventive or enforcement measures imposed by the Security Council under Chapter VII of the Charter and of early and regular assessments, as appropriate, of their impact on such States;
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> "2. Invites the Security Council to consider the establishment of further mechanisms or procedures, as appropriate, for such consultations with regard to a solution of those problems, including appropriate ways and means for increasing the effectiveness of its working methods and procedures applied in the consideration of the requests by the affected countries for assistance, in the context of Article 50 of the Charter;
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> "3. Welcomes the further measures taken by the Security Council since the adoption of General Assembly resolution 50/51 and aimed at increasing the effectiveness and transparency of the sanctions committees, and strongly recommends that the Council continue its efforts further to enhance the functioning of those committees, to streamline their working procedures and to facilitate access to them by representatives of States which find themselves confronted with special economic problems arising from the carrying out of sanctions".

Notes

[1] Not reproduced in the present document; for the full text, see A/RES/51/208.

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